

**PARISH OF LAFAYETTE,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of Lafayette is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	57,743	2,683,516
1960	84,656	3,257,022
1970	111,643	3,644,637
1980	150,017	4,205,900
1990	164,762	4,219,973
1991	166,729	4,251,560
1992	170,185	4,287,195
1993	172,193	4,295,477
1994	176,180	4,315,085
1995	178,305	4,339,352
1996	180,222	4,350,579
1997	181,363	4,351,769
1998	184,521	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of Lafayette are as follows:

YEAR	BROUSSARD	CARENCRO	DUSON	LAFAYETT E	SCOTT	YOUNGSVILLE
1960	1,600	1,519	1,033	40,400	902	946
1970	1,707	2,302	1,199	68,908	1,334	1,002
1980	2,923	3,712	1,253	81,961	2,239	1,053
1990	3,213	5,429	1,465	94,440	4,912	1,195
1991	3,235	5,433	1,288	97,023	4,912	1,214
1992	3,223	5,596	1,330	100,567	5,485	1,278
1993	3,279	5,596	1,330	103,915	5,583	1,316
1994	3,578	5,596	1,369	106,829	5,707	1,445
1995	3,751	5,596	1,403	108,635	5,945	1,577
1996	3,925	5,596	1,511	109,957	6,103	1,639
1997	4,105	5,596	1,523	112,018	6,229	2,024
1998	4,332	5,596	1,585	113,788	6,417	2,142

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$16,193	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$16,941	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$17,470	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$18,695	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$19,887	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$20,637	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$22,135	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$23,780	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in Lafayette Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$1,528,060	\$378,522	\$161,823	\$249,384	\$51,358	\$294,929
1992	\$1,673,257	\$383,215	\$180,377	\$302,422	\$66,491	\$318,210
1993	\$1,689,827	\$376,078	\$178,297	\$292,749	\$67,627	\$350,269
1994	\$2,105,769	\$333,068	\$206,437	\$412,579	\$97,106	\$529,230
1995	\$2,279,380	\$338,000	\$210,469	\$432,077	\$109,533	\$633,011
1996	\$2,373,632	\$369,083	\$212,763	\$440,449	\$112,871	\$663,459
1997	\$2,505,314	\$387,857	\$210,376	\$460,589	\$121,616	\$691,692

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of Lafayette as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
LAFAYETTE PARISH	2.5		2.5	4	6.5
BROUSSARD	1.5	2	3.5	4	7.5
CARENCRO	1.5	2	3.5	4	7.5
DUSON	1.5	2	3.5	4	7.5
LAFAYETTE	1.5	2	3.5	4	7.5
SCOTT	1.5	2	3.5	4	7.5
YOUNGSVILLE	1.5	2	3.5	4	7.5

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

(In Thousands)

Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$234,450	\$259,297	\$273,633	\$300,537	\$321,140
February	\$172,846	\$189,564	\$209,796	\$240,322	\$259,625
March	\$168,687	\$179,784	\$197,049	\$211,273	\$236,486
April	\$204,995	\$206,367	\$226,335	\$248,472	\$274,883
May	\$187,061	\$199,044	\$227,963	\$247,660	\$265,251
June	\$198,103	\$210,725	\$228,080	\$258,510	\$269,351
July	\$186,754	\$222,309	\$247,342	\$260,293	\$295,908
August	\$186,754	\$204,297	\$219,903	\$253,867	\$263,134
September	\$200,479	\$214,372	\$236,222	\$271,288	\$270,837
October	\$208,973	\$209,516	\$227,900	\$256,380	\$292,436
November	\$186,293	\$203,218	\$226,924	\$273,338	\$254,262
December	\$194,960	\$273,633	\$215,649	\$253,980	\$243,764
Annual Total	\$2,330,357	\$2,572,127	\$2,736,795	\$3,075,919	\$3,247,076

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of Lafayette is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$308,071,572	\$139,578,260	\$447,649,832
1991	\$315,521,678	\$142,696,915	\$458,218,593
1992	\$346,709,975	\$158,230,903	\$504,940,878
1993	\$355,999,037	\$163,335,078	\$519,339,271
1994	\$374,982,463	\$170,320,415	\$545,302,878
1995	\$394,084,426	\$177,947,151	\$572,031,577
1996	\$482,702,506	\$209,156,640	\$691,859,146
1997	\$520,232,400	\$216,680,086	\$736,912,486
1998	\$559,232,867	\$223,952,456	\$783,185,323

Source: Lafayette Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$281,680,991	\$115,056,711	\$50,912,130
1991	\$285,940,678	\$121,454,695	\$50,823,220
1992	\$322,197,423	\$132,799,625	\$49,943,830
1993	\$329,009,291	\$140,131,200	\$50,198,780
1994	\$340,467,641	\$154,258,207	\$50,577,030
1995	\$354,575,087	\$165,881,630	\$51,574,860
1996	\$452,441,936	\$188,593,610	\$50,823,600
1997	\$471,290,223	\$213,330,683	\$52,291,580
1998	\$490,683,788	\$238,307,105	\$54,194,430

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of Lafayette follows:

Year	Millage
1990	89.65
1991	89.65
1992	85.11
1993	84.70
1994	87.17
1995	86.41
1996	78.80
1997	80.54
1998	80.04

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and Lafayette Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of Lafayette in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. BELLSOUTH & SUBSIDIARY	\$30,064,270
2. BANK ONE	\$10,880,140
3. FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LAFAYETTE	\$10,070,450
4. SLEMCO	\$6,547,490
5. HALLIBURTON ENERGY SERVICES INC.	\$6,117,390
6. COLUMBIA HOSPITALS	\$5,838,830
7. TRANS LA GAS/ATMOS ENERGY	\$5,564,310
8. LBA SAVINGS BANK	\$4,278,330
9. WALMART/SAMS	\$4,152,760
10. HIBERNIA NATIONAL BANK	\$3,447,670

Source: Lafayette Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the Lafayette Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	28,314	29,563	29,387	28,462
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	29,806	30,628	29,960	30,264
PUBLIC	25,893	31,030	30,859	30,552

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the Lafayette Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$26,001	\$27,435	\$28,839	\$31,231
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$4,059	\$4,057	\$4,941	\$4,880
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$7,418,519	\$15,299,964	\$9,918,168	\$21,466,389
DEBT SERVICE	\$8,755,400	\$25,522,026	\$6,388,573	\$7,401,903
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$120,979,998	\$125,180,976	\$135,271,158	\$148,594,263

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.